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JET PRINTING, HOLDER FOR)
THE CONTAINER, CARRIAGE)
FOR THE HOLDER AND)
INK JET PRINTER)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the enclosed copy of a European Search Report that issued during prosecution of an European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. Application.

The European Search Report is dated June 10, 2002. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

All of the documents cited in the Search Report have been cited and considered by the Examiner in the instant application. However, the Examiner is urged to

review the European Examiner's comments on the cited art, and to form an independent determination of the pertinence of these comments to the claimed invention.

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